

Elusive Sprout Of Tammany Tags Hylan O K

"Citizens' Independent Democracy" Said to Consist of Three Lawyers and Retired Printer in Europe
Buds in City Campaigns

Sired by William Harman Black, for Twenty Years a Jobholder of Murphy

Major Hylan and his administration have been indorsed by the most persistent vest pocket organization in existence, the Citizens' Independent Democracy.

The membership, so far as can be learned, consists of three Southern lawyers, who have rooms on the twenty-first floor of the Woolworth Building, and a retired printer and bookbinder, who is traveling in Europe and has not yet returned. Two of the lawyers are members of the general committee of Tammany Hall.

The organization, which politicians regard as a vest-pocket sprout of Tammany Hall, is headed, as usual, by William Harman Black, who since he came to this city, some twenty-odd years ago from Atlanta, has been holding jobs under Tammany administrations.

Every four years or so Mr. Black draws this organization from his vest pocket, decks it out with the names of two or three estimable gentlemen—invariably members of the Southern Society of New York—and sends out reams of publicity.

Headquarters in Bedroom
Last Saturday Mr. Black drew out his party from his lower right-hand pocket, dusted it off, had it indorse Mayor Hylan and the Hylan administration with "strong resolutions," and then hired a bedroom at the Vanderbilt Hotel for its headquarters.

The bedroom is No. 119. The room, it was said at the hotel, had been engaged by Mr. Black until election day.

The vest-pocket party of the Citizens' Independent Democracy is Room 119, isn't it? Mr. Black was asked yesterday.

"Oh, it is that the number of the room," inquired Mr. Black. "I've never been up there."

Mr. Black was asked if it wasn't true that Joseph Ferriss Simmons, alleged by Mr. Black to be the treasurer of the vest-pocket party, had been in Europe since June 24.

"But he'll be back any minute," replied Mr. Black.

Then Mr. Black was informed that inquirers at the home of Mr. Simmons, who is an elderly retired printer and bookbinder of considerable wealth, were told that Mr. Simmons, who was away from New York, would be back in about a month, and would not be back for at least a month, and maybe not until after election.

"Oh, nobody knows when Mr. Simmons will be back," said Mr. Black. "He may be back any day."

Details a State Secret
Mr. Black was coy about his organization, refusing to name any of its members when it was suggested to him that it was a paper organization, existing "that it might hurt the organization to reveal its members just now."

Asked to name any of the persons who attended the meeting which he said it held at the Hotel Vanderbilt last Saturday, he made the same reply.

"But there were forty-four people present," said Mr. Black.

There are two other known members of the Citizens' Independent Democracy. One is Frank E. Carstairs, a former Assistant United States Attorney, who comes from Missouri and who is a boyhood chum of the head of the more or less invisible Citizens' Independent Democracy. He was asked to name some of the members present at Saturday's alleged meeting.

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"No," he answered.

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Kings Campaign Left to Calder; Livingston Out

Brooklyn Republican Leader
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Indifference in Primary

Senator Made Spokesman

Demand That Committee
Chairman Resign Dropped
In Interest of Harmony

Rumblings of discontent with Jacob A. Livingston's management of the primary campaign in Brooklyn broke into eruption yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Kings County Republican Executive Committee, at 26 Court Street. The result was that Senator William M. Calder was chosen to manage the election campaign in Kings County and to be the party spokesman.

Livingston was left, under strong protest by some of the committee members, with only his chairmanship of the executive committee. An attempt even was made to force Livingston out of this place, but a vote on the proposal to ask the Kings leader for his resignation was headed off by Senator Calder and Frederick J. H. Kracke.

Text of Resolution
Livingston presided as chairman at the meeting of the committee. The resolution was read by Jacob Brenner.

"To insure an effective and harmonious campaign, be it

Resolved, That Senator William M. Calder be selected to manage and conduct the coming campaign, with power to appoint a committee in such numbers and in addition to the members of the Executive Committee as he deems necessary. Be it further

Resolved, That Senator Calder be authorized to speak for the Kings County Republican organization in connection with all matters political."

A hot debate followed, in which the women members joined. With persistent demands that Livingston's resignation from the chairmanship be asked, Louis Swartz, leader of the Inevitable Club, a Livingston follower, asked that it be the understanding that if the resolution was adopted no demand for the chairman's resignation would be made.

Calder Saves Livingston
Senator Calder and Appraiser Kracke looked with disfavor on eliminating Livingston entirely and their efforts at harmony ended the movement to depose the chairman.

The resolution was then passed by a vote of 30 to 8. Livingston's vote was one of the thirty.

Before the executive committee met there was a conference in Livingston's office, attended by Senator Calder, who came on from Washington ostensibly to attend the judicial convention that nominated two Supreme Court justices, and by Appraiser Kracke, Jacob Brenner, Senator Lockwood, the Republican candidate for Comptroller, and Alfred E. Vass. At this meeting, it was said, it was recalled that there had been charges of lack of interest on the part of the county chairman in the primary campaign of Henry H. Curran, and that Senator Lockwood complained of a noticeable lack of activity in his behalf.

Livingston, reports of the meeting said, replied that he had opened his clubhouse to all of the Republican candidates; that he had agreed to support whoever might win the primary nomination, and that he had not favored any one candidate for the nomination.

Refuses to Comment
Later, at the executive committee meeting, Livingston listened to the reading of the resolution, the adoption of which took away his power to act or speak during the campaign, and after the meeting refused to comment on it.

Sensor Calder, however, said: "It was to be regretted that there was a public impression, justified or not, of a lack of harmony in the management of the political affairs in Kings County. It is true that there was not always uniformity of action, and it was decided at a conference that an effort be made to unite all the forces in one harmonious body."

"It was also suggested that, inasmuch

as I had taken a very strong and active part in the advancement of the ticket selected the campaign in Kings County should be placed under my management, with such additional aids, including the entire executive committee, as I might suggest."

"So that there should be no question as to the course to be pursued, it was further decided that I should act as spokesman for the Kings County Republican party in all such matters."

Full Committee Meets
The Kings County Republican Committee met last night in Masonic Temple, Lafayette and Clermont avenues, Brooklyn, following a meeting of the Kings County Executive Committee, and elected all former officers with the exception of Mary T. McGuire, assistant secretary.

Brief addresses were made by Senator Calder, George W. Baker, candidate for Borough President; John R. Farrar and Almot W. Hoff, candidates for County Judge. Officers elected were Alfred E. Vass, chairman; Mrs. Beatrice B. Stevenson, vice-chairman; Major F. H. Stevenson, secretary; Mrs. Catherine Waters, assistant secretary; William D. Rae, treasurer, and Jesse D. Moore, sergeant at arms.

Chicago Chief of Police
Is Sentenced to Jail

Held Guilty of Contempt for
Saying Murderer Wanderer
Should Be Hanged

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—"I face a term in jail for daring to say that a twice convicted murderer should be hanged."

What happened to me is of no consequence except to me on the other hand, is, or ought to be, of some interest to every citizen who walks abroad or who is rearing a family."

If Judge David is let alone he will have a lot of police in cells, if criminals have to be turned out to make room for them," said the chief, who then gave a list of desperate criminals set on foot, habeas corpus writs and other methods. This list included twenty-four convicted murderers, robbers, burglars and other criminals, all with long records.

He will appeal the case.

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Run for Appeals Bench

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Confers With Harding

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Dr. Prince lives at Ringwood Manor, N. J., and is prominent in New Jersey Republican politics. He was a member of the New Jersey Assembly in 1908, Speaker in 1909, served in the State Senate from 1911 to 1913 and was acting Governor of New Jersey in 1912.

Republicans Name Two to Enter Race For Supreme Court

Justice Cannon, of Richmond, and District Attorney Lewis of Kings County Selected as Candidates

Two Republican candidates for the Supreme Court bench of the 2d District were nominated yesterday. They are Supreme Court Justice Frank S. Cannon jr., of Richmond, and District Attorney Harry E. Lewis of Kings County. Both nominations were straight Republican, made by a nominating convention attended by 234 delegates in the County Court House in Brooklyn.

It was the first Supreme Court nominating convention held since the Legislature enacted the primary law judiciary exemptions at its last session.

The delegates came from Kings, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk and Richmond. United States Senator William M. Calder, Jr., of Queens, was present.

Jacob S. Brenner, Commissioner of Jurors, opened the convention as chairman.

George Cromwell, former Borough President of Richmond, put the name of Justice Cannon before the convention.

His second being Professor Alfred G. Rives, of the New York Law School, was put in nomination by William R. Dorman, of Kings County, seconded by State Senator C. Ernest Smith. No contest developed and the nominations were made by acclamation of the Court.

The vacancies for which an election for the Supreme Court in the 2d District is to be held were caused by the retirement of Justice Harrington M. Calder, Jr., and the resignation of Justice Putnam and the resignation of Justice Almet F. Jenks. Justice Cannon was appointed last April by Governor Miller to fill the vacancy caused by Justice Jenks' resignation.

Justice Cannon was born in Long Island City forty-three years ago, but has lived in Staten Island since boyhood. He was graduated from the New York Law School in 1900, a classmate of Henry H. Curran, Republican-coalition candidate for Mayor. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Lewis was born in Manhattan and is forty-one years old. He studied law in the office of Foster L. Backus, was county judge in 1916, became District Attorney in 1917 and was re-elected.

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Curran Halts Vacation to
Work on Budget Plans

Quits Staten Island to Attend
Estimate Board Committee
Hearing on Appropriations

Borough President Henry H. Curran, Republican-coalition candidate for Mayor, interrupted his vacation on Staten Island yesterday to attend a meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate, which is considering requests of the various city departments for the budget of 1922, and other matters. Mr. and Mrs. Curran remained in the city to attend the theater last night. The Borough President also had a brief conference with some of his campaign managers. They will return to-day to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Von Brieson, at Rosebank, Staten Island, where they are guests for the rest of the week.

Before Mr. Curran started on his vacation on Staten Island he received a

letter from a war veteran who served in his division, the 77th, overseas, congratulating the Borough President on his nomination for Mayor. The soldier, who was badly gassed in the service, expressed regrets that he was "out of luck" and unable to take an active part in the coming campaign to help elect Mr. Curran. The latter visited the soldier at Fox Hills Hospital.

XX September Club Holds
Annual Ball at Tammany Hall

More than a thousand persons, including many Tammany leaders, attended the third annual ball of the XX September Club at Tammany Hall on Fourteenth Street last night. The club is the Italian auxiliary of the Tammany Central Association of the 12th Assembly District.

The ball was held under the patronage of City Clerk Michael Cruise, whose entrance to the hall was made with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Among those present were Judge Alfred Kelly, John J. Freschi, Magistrate Francis Mancuso, and Senator Salvatore Cotillo.

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